

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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CHAD PELISHEK,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Case No. 2:23-CV-1048

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN, et al.,

Defendants.

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Examination of JANET DUELLMAN, taken at  
the instance of the Plaintiff, under and pursuant to

the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, before Dawn M.

Lahti, a Certified Realtime Reporter, Registered

Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for

the State of Wisconsin, at Holiday Inn Express, 350

E. Seven Hills Road, Port Washington, Wisconsin, on

July 11, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m. and

concluding at 3:23 p.m.

1 A When I started, it was community development  
2 specialist.

3 Q Oh, my, that seems more confusing.

4 A Yes.

5 Q So when you started, it was community  
6 development specialist?

7 A Um-hum.

8 Q I'm going to write it down because I might get  
9 it wrong. When did you start working at the  
10 City of Sheboygan?

11 A August 6th of 2012.

12 Q And you have been there uninterrupted since  
13 2012?

14 A Correct.

15 Q What department did you work? Did you work in  
16 any other department before where you are now?

17 A No.

18 Q Which department do you work in?

19 A I'm trying to think of its official name.  
20 Planning and development which is a division of  
21 city development.

22 Q So that's a division of city development?

23 A Correct.

24 Q All right. Are you -- today at this  
25 deposition, are you being personally

1 MR. BULIOX: I'll just add to that  
2 objection just now.

3 BY MS. DeMASTER:

4 Q I'll show you what's been previously marked as  
5 Plaintiff's Exhibit 4. It will be sent to you,  
6 just a photo. I'm going to show it to you. I  
7 tried to make it big.

8 Do you recognize this woman?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you know who that is -- it has her name  
11 there.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Who is that?

14 A That is the reporter Maya, however you say her  
15 first name, Hilty.

16 Q And you say you recognized her. Did you ever  
17 see her in person?

18 A Yes.

19 Q When did you see her in person?

20 A At some of the common council meetings that I  
21 attended, and I also saw her in an office with  
22 Emily.

23 Q And which Emily was that?

24 A The senior center director, Emily --

25 Q Emily Rendall-Araujo.

1 A Yes. Thank you. I know it's RA. I don't know  
2 what it stands for.

3 Q You saw her in a conference room?

4 A Yes, in the mayor's conference room.

5 Q Was she meeting in that conference room at her  
6 office?

7 A Yes. While the old senior center was -- it  
8 fell apart, it's in really poor condition, it  
9 wasn't fit for human habitation, so as we were  
10 building the new one, she was in the mayor's  
11 conference room. That became her office along  
12 with her other staff which I know is Josh, and  
13 I think there's another woman, but I don't know  
14 her name. I don't believe I ever met her.

15 Q It was another woman?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And was Maya in there with them?

18 A At the time of the meeting I could just see  
19 Emily and Maya.

20 Q Did they look like they were talking or  
21 friendly with each other?

22 A Yeah.

23 Q Could you hear what they were talking about?

24 A No, because their conference room is inside the  
25 mayor's office.

1 Q Conference room is --

2 A Yeah. You have to go into their office, and  
3 then there's a conference room to the right and  
4 to the left.

5 Q Did you see any facial expressions?

6 A I did.

7 Q What did they look like, frowning, angry or --

8 MR. BULIOX: Objection. Form.  
9 Speculation.

10 Subject to that, go ahead and answer.

11 THE WITNESS: They were just -- I  
12 think Emily was surprised to see me. She kind  
13 of like --

14 BY MS. DeMASTER:

15 Q Oh, she saw you?

16 A Oh, yeah. They both saw me walk by the office.

17 Q Did they do anything after that, or did you  
18 just keep walking?

19 A I kept walking because I was helping somebody  
20 to the conference room or to the common council  
21 chambers.

22 Q How did you feel seeing them meet or how did  
23 you feel later when this -- when the articles  
24 were out?

25 A My personal thought was I thought I was